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Readers" (1864) I state that the bald eagle, "with wings nearly closed, darts headlong into the water for his prey, in the general manner of the fish-hawk."

There was an eagle's nest high up on a large buttonwood (*Platanus*, ignorantly termed sycamore in some localities), on an island in the Susquehanna, about ten miles above Columbia, Pennsylvania, and in sight from my father's house, about a mile distant, where I had abundant opportunities to observe the fish-hawk, and the eagle robbing him; but sometimes failing to secure the fish, because its possessor dropped it before the eagle was near enough to seize it in its fall toward the water or the ground: for in the latter case, which was rare, I have observed the eagle to turn away without attempting to seek the fish on the earth.

When there are no fish-hawks to depend on, the eagle fishes for himself, taking the fish (if I remember rightly) with the feet, and leaving the water with apparent difficulty, and a good deal of flapping, which accords with the habits of the East Indian species. — S. S. HALDEMAN, *Columbia, Pa.*

MICROSCOPY.

STUDENTS' MICROSCOPE. — We call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of the Students' Microscope, manufactured by the Boston Optical Works. The stand is solid and very convenient, while the lenses are excellent. It is the best and cheapest microscope for general use for the physician and beginner in microscopy now in the market.

EXCHANGES.

Dr. Hermann Loew, of Meseritz (Posen), Prussia, is very desirous of obtaining fresh and well-preserved specimens of North American Diptera. They are very necessary for the completion of his work on the North American Flies, now publishing by the Smithsonian Institution. He will send very fine specimens of European Coleoptera to any Entomologist who will furnish specimens of Diptera in exchange. Packages may be sent through the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.

EXPLORATIONS.

Mr. W. H. Dall, of the Scientific Corps of the Western Union Telegraph Company, Russian Extension, writes from St. Michaels, R. Am., Aug. 14, 1867: "I have travelled in winter, with the thermometer from 8° to 40° with dog sleds and snow-shoes, about 300 miles; and